

**REMARKS**

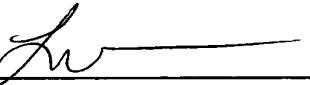
Claims 1-43 are now present in this application, with claims 1, 4-7, 10-15, 19, 21, 22, 24-27, 30, 32-35, 37, 38 and 40-43 being amended by the present Preliminary Amendment. It should be noted that the amendments to original claims 1-43 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-43 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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